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SUBJ: US-POLISH RELATIONS: OUTGOING FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS

1. AT THE RECEPTION HE GAVE DECEMBER 6 TO INTRODUCE HIS SUCCESSOR, EMIL WOJTASZEK, TO THE WARSAW DIPLOMATIC CORPS, FOREIGN MINISTER STEFAN OLSZOWSKI SPENT ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES IN A TETE-A-TETE WITH ME.

2. OLSZOWSKI SAID THAT HE WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE COLLABORATION WE HAD HAD DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND FOR THE EXCELLENT WAY IN WHICH RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAD DEVELOPED. HE SAID THAT HE HAD NOT CONSIDERED HIS WORK AS FOREIGN MINISTER A REST CURE, BY ANY MEANS. BUT NOW, HE SAID, HE WAS GOING ON TO A TASK OF VASTLY GREATER CHALLENGE AND COMPLEXITY, THAT OF BEING THE SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POLISH ECONOMY. WITH THE HELP AND HARD WORK OF ALL RESPONSIBLE AND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING OF POLAND'S FRIENDS ABROAD, OLSZOWSKI SAID, HE HOPED THAT A "SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION COULD BE MADE IN THE SITUATION COULD BE MADE IN ABOUT EIGHTEEN MONTHS TO TWO YEARS."

3. OLSZOWSKI SAID THAT, WHEN HE MOVES TO THE CC-PZPR SECRETARIAT, HE DOES NOT INTEND TO DIVORCE HIMSELF FROM HIS INTEREST IN POLAND'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THIS WAS ALL THE MORE THE CASE, HE SAID, SINCE THERE WAS AN INTIMATE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE STATE OF POLAND'S ECONOMY AND ITS FOREIGN-ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENTS. HE SAID HE HOPED THAT US-POLISH ECONOMIC RELATIONS WOULD

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CONTINUE TO GROW. "OUR POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED," HE SAID EMPHATICALLY.

4. OLSZOWSKI SAID HE WAS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE BAD PRESS POLAND HAD RECENTLY BEEN RECEIVING IN THE WEST. HE WAS AFRAID THAT PEOPLE THERE WOULD CONCLUDE THAT POLAND WAS NO LONGER SO SIGNIFICANT A FACTOR "IN THIS PART OF EUROPE AND IN EUROPE AS A WHOLE." THIS, HE SAID, WOULD BE A MISTAKE, ALTHOUGH, HE ADDED, HE WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT A DISINTERESTED WITNESS. SINCE HE KNEW THAT I WAS RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES AND WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON AS THE NEW ADMINISTRATION CAME INTO OFFICE, HE HOPED I COULD CORRECT THE OPINIONS OF ANY WHO TOOK "TOO DRAMATIC A VIEW OF OUR SITUATION." I SAID THE UPS AND DOWNS OF POLITICS COULD NOT OBSCURE THE LASTING SIGNIFICANCE OF THE THIRTY-FOUR MILLION POLES, THEIR HISTORY, THEIR CULTURE, THEIR BELIEFS, AND THEIR STUBBORN DEVOTION TO POLISH INDEPENDENCE. OLSZOWSKI SMILED SLIGHTLY AND NODDED, SATISFIED, I BELIEVE, THAT WE UNDERSTOOD EACH OTHER.

5. FINALLY, OLSZOWSKI SAID, HE WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT HE WAS ALWAYS PREPARED TO MEET WITH ME AND WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE MY ALERTING HIM TO PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN US-POLISH ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AS A RESULT EITHER OF THINGS THE POLISH GOVERNMENT DID OR OF THOSE THEY MIGHT FAIL TO DO. BY THE SAME TOKEN, HE SAID, HE EXPECTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME WHEN HE SAW PROBLEMS ARISING, OR PERHAPS JUST TO EXCHANGE VIEWS. CONSEQUENTLY, HE SAID IN CONCLUSION, THIS WAS NOT "GOOD-BY", BUT "AU REVOIR."  
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